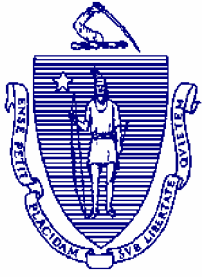


Executive Office of Public Safety Newsletter, October 2005



The Executive Office of Public Safety (EOPS) is committed to keeping the people of Massachusetts informed about critical homeland security, emergency management, personal safety, and criminal justice issues. The EOPS newsletter is published monthly for the purpose of sharing current information on events, publications, and funding opportunities among public safety professionals.

Funding Opportunities

Intervention Research to Improve Youth-Serving Organizations **Deadline for Letters of Inquiry October 17, 2005**

“The William T. Grant Foundation has issued a request for proposals (RFP) to support intervention research on how to improve youth-serving organizations, such as schools and community-based organizations, and enhance research capacity focused on organizations that promote youth development.

The Foundation anticipates supporting a small group of projects with award amounts ranging from \$250,000 to \$1,500,000 for the duration of the project (including direct and indirect costs). We are interested specifically in setting-level experiments and quasi-experiments, including newly initiated studies and existing studies seeking support for setting-level assessment and analysis.”

For more information: http://www.wtgrantfoundation.org/info-url_nocat3042/info-url_nocat_show.htm?doc_id=287117&attrib_id=11707

Data Resources Program 2005: Funding for the Analysis of Existing Data **Application Deadline: November 15, 2005**

“The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) requests proposals to replicate findings from previous research or conduct original research using data from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data. The archive houses quantitative and qualitative data from NIJ’s sponsored research and makes it available online as downloadable, machine-readable files, together with data dictionaries and study abstracts. The archive is maintained by the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research at the University of Michigan and supported by NIJ. NIJ is particularly interested in secondary analysis that informs criminal justice policy and practice. Proposed research should either replicate original findings or, preferably, test new hypotheses with existing data. NIJ prefers research that asks compelling crime and justice questions, rather than research that furthers statistical methods or refinement of datasets.”

For more information: <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/sl000712.pdf>

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Research and Publications

Juvenile Victimization and Offending

Bureau of Justice Statistics

This recently released publication presents findings about violent crime committed against or by juveniles from 1993-2003. Data are drawn from the National Crime Victimization Survey for nonfatal violent victimization and offending among individuals 12 years and older, and from the FBI's Supplemental Homicide Reports for fatal victimization and offending. Analyses include characteristics of the victim, offender, and of the criminal event.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/jvo03.pdf>

Statutory Rape Known to Law Enforcement

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

This Bulletin characterizes victim and offender attributes and law enforcement responses to statutory rape. Data was obtained from law enforcement reports from agencies in 21 states between 1996 and 2000.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/publications/PubAbstract.asp?pubi=208803>

Mapping Crime: Understanding Hot Spots

National Institute of Justice

Mapping crime hot spots helps police identify high-crime areas, types of crime being committed, and the best way to respond. This NIJ report discusses hot spot analysis techniques and software and also helps crime analysts and law enforcement personnel identify when to use each.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/nij/209393.pdf>

Alternatives to the Secure Detention and Confinement of Juvenile Offenders

The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

This Bulletin discusses the need for alternatives to secure detention and confinement and the importance of expanding the existing range of alternatives for juvenile offenders. Risk assessment and classification of juvenile offenders is also discussed.

Access full text at: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/ojjdp/208804.pdf>

School Vandalism and Break-Ins

Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

This Problem-Oriented Policing Guide discusses the problems of school vandalism and break-ins, identifies risk factors, outlines questions police can ask to analyze their local problem, and describes response strategies. Information from police practice and evaluative research is included.

Access full text at: <http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/mime/open.pdf?Item=1560>

Developing a Sustainability Plan for Weed and Seed Sites

Office of Justice Programs, Community Capacity Development Office

This OJP guide explains what a sustainability plan is and how to develop a sustainability plan for Weed and Seed sites. It also provides a discussion of the three dimensions of sustainability: structural effort, community impact, and resource development.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ccdo/pub/pdf/ncj210462.pdf>

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Office for Victims of Crime

After the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, the Office for Victims of Crime funded a number of state agencies to provide services to victims. This publication contains grantee descriptions of their experiences in organizing to meet the demand for victim assistance and compensation. Best practices, lessons learned, and recommended actions are included.

Access full text at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/infores/911lessonslearned/welcome.html>

Conferences and Trainings

Financial Management Training

October 26-27, 2005 in Boston, MA

Registration Deadline: October 17, 2005

The Executive Office of Public Safety, Programs Division will be hosting a Financial Management Training provided by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. This training will be held at the Radisson hotel in Boston and will cover a wide variety of topics including the flow of federal funds and conditions of awards through grant requirements. The training would be appropriate for any entity currently receiving or interested in receiving Department of Justice grants. To register, please fill out the registration form attached to this email. Please note that seating is limited to 100 people and registration will be taken on a first come, first serve basis.

Disproportionate Minority Contact Reduction: What Works & How You Can Implement It

EOPS is in the process of planning a disproportionate minority contact (DMC) conference for May 2006 and is looking for ideas as we develop the conference agenda. DMC, which refers to the overrepresentation of minority youth in the juvenile justice system, exists in Massachusetts and across the nation. The purpose of this conference is to help local government and non-governmental agencies that serve youth to implement programs, policies, and initiatives that help to reduce (DMC). What do you need to know in order to reduce DMC in your community? How can we make this conference useful for your community coalition, youth-serving agency, local law enforcement department, etc? Please contact Elizabeth Spinney, 617-725-3367, Elizabeth.Spinney@state.ma.us with your comments, advice and suggestions.

2005 National Conference on Preventing Crime: Power of Prevention

October 8-11, 2005 in Washington, DC

The goal of this conference, presented by the National Crime Prevention Counsel (NCPC), is to renew commitments to prevention as a priority in reducing future crime. The conference will be useful for law enforcement, crime prevention practitioners, community based leaders, military personnel, policymakers, youth leaders, and youth organization staff.

For further information: <http://www.ncpc.org/ncpc/ncpc/?pg=5882-7518-16798>

2006 Drug Court Planning Initiative (DCPI)

Application Deadline: October 16, 2005

“DCPI is a national training initiative designed to assist jurisdictions develop adult, juvenile, family, and tribal drug court programs. Jurisdictions will be selected to participate in a facilitated planning process that will begin in January 2006 and conclude in November 2006. Participating jurisdictions must identify a team of professionals who will participate in distance-based technical assistance and attend a progressive series of two regional training events. The number of trainings and the number of required team members will vary based on the type of drug court being planned.”

For further information: http://www.dcpj.ncjrs.org/dcpj_online_app_process.html

11th Joint Conference on Juvenile Services: Representing America's Youth: Building Partnerships to Prioritize Goals & Maximize Resources

October 16-19, 2005 in Richmond, VA

This conference, presented by the National Partnership for Juvenile Services (NPJS), will bring together leadership and direct care professionals from juvenile services and other human service professions. Participants will have the opportunity to network and share effective and innovative program service approaches being implemented within the juvenile justice system throughout the country.

For further information: <http://www.npjs.org/Documents/11thjoint.pdf>

16th Annual Problem-Oriented Policing Conference

October 21-23, 2005 in Charlotte, NC

The Problem-Oriented Policing Conference, sponsored by the Center for Problem-Oriented Policing, features presentations by police practitioners from up to 12 of the best submissions for the Herman Goldstein award for Excellence in Problem-Oriented Policing. The conference will also feature panels and presentations on: vehicle crime reduction, the impact of street closures on drug markets, problems in rental housing, gas theft, residential speeding, crime analysis tools, the role of community development in crime reduction, situational crime prevention and terrorism, and homicide.

For further information: <http://www.popcenter.org/about-conference.htm>

Juvenile Justice Management Institute: Leadership and Management of Organizations

Oct. 23-28, 2005 in Reno, NV

This conference, presented by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, is designed to improve the management of juvenile justice agencies. Participants will learn how to make more informed managerial and supervisory decisions helping juvenile courts run more effectively.

For further information: <http://www.ncjfcj.org/content/view/322/315/>

**Developing Effective School Drug Policies and Examining the Issues of Student Drug Testing
Sponsored by the Regional Centers for Healthy Communities**

October 25, 2005 in Worcester, MA

The Northeast Center for Healthy Communities (NCHC) is offering a training on developing effective school drug policies that will cover issues such as the confiscation of drugs, prevention efforts, legal matters related to liability and adverse publicity, and improving effectiveness of policies.

For further information: <http://www.nc4hc.org/trainings.htm>

Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) and Justice Research and Statistics Association's (JRSA) 2005 National Conference

October 27-28, 2005 in St Petersburg, FL

BJS/JRSA invites all policy makers, program/project managers, researchers and analysts to discuss "Crime and Statistics in the 21st Century: Using Data and Technology to Improve Justice". Conference sessions will cover topics such as victimization, criminal history records, domestic and sexual violence, performance measures, NIBRS, juvenile justice and violence, and data sharing.

For further information: <http://www.jrsa.org/events/conference/index.html>

Technologies for Public Safety in Critical Incident Response Conference and Exhibition 2005

October 31–November 2, 2005 in San Diego, CA

Registration Deadline: October 26, 2005

This annual conference, sponsored by the National Institute of Justice and the Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security, highlights technology and training tools developed for first responders. A unique opportunity is being offered for first responders, business and industry, academia and Federal, State and local stakeholders to network, exchange ideas, and address critical incident technology and preparedness needs and solutions.

For further information: <http://www.regonline.com/eventinfo.asp?EventId=21494>

Safety Has No Shortcuts

November 7-9, 2005 in Framingham, MA

The Coalition for Kids in Danger invites fire and police officials, juvenile justice professionals, human service and social workers, mental health clinicians, researchers, and community leaders to come together to help reduce the incidence of fires and explosions caused by children. Participants will have the opportunity to listen to international experts, exchange ideas, learn best practices, and network with colleagues.

For further information: http://www.youthcourt.net/training_ta/2005/Chicago_brochure.pdf

American Society of Criminology: The Interdisciplinary Roots and Branches of Criminology

November 15-19, 2005 in Toronto, Ontario

The American Society of Criminology invites all practitioners, academics and students to discuss the measurement and detection of crime, legislation, and the practice of criminal law. Conference sessions will cover topics such as criminological theory, drugs and substance abuse, violence, policing, courts and the law, crime prevention, juvenile justice, measurement and methodology, restorative justice and criminal justice policy.

For further information: <http://www.asc41.com/caw.html>

Youth Court Professional Development Institute

December 5–7, 2005 in Chicago, IL

Registration Deadline: November 2, 2005

The National Youth Court Center, which is funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, will conduct the second Youth Court Professional Development Institute. This event is designed to provide youth court personnel with advanced training on youth courts and related topics.

For further information: http://www.youthcourt.net/training_ta/2005/Chicago_overview.htm

Public Safety Training for Youth

December 12-14, 2005 Los Angeles, CA

Constitutional Rights Foundation and Street Law, Inc. will provide participants with lessons and activities geared for middle school youth that engage them in learning about the role and purpose of law enforcement, the scope and limits of police authority, and what young people can do to improve public safety. Participants will have the opportunity to explore and discuss a variety of strategies to engage youth in positive, productive learning experiences using a variety of curriculum materials.

For further information: http://crf-usa.org/ojjdp/sro_west.htm

In The News

Massachusetts Attorney General says police vests must be replaced

Boston Globe, September 1, 2005

According to a Boston Globe article, Attorney General Thomas F. Reilly instructed that manufacturers and distributors that may have sold faulty body armor to Massachusetts police officers should immediately replace the bulletproof vests. Reilly said he sent letters to 17 firms after results from a US Department of Justice study showed that 60% of the vests were penetrated by at least one round during a six-shot test series.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2005/09/01/ag_says_police_vests_must_be_replaced/

Crime watch efforts may be fine-tuned

Boston Globe, September 7, 2005

According to a Boston Globe article, a counterterrorism consultant is suggesting major changes to the Boston Police Department's neighborhood crime watch program, saying better management could make it a far more effective crime fighting and homeland security tool. Recommendations were made to the Department to require better communication between the crime watch unit and community service officers and to more aggressively monitor the groups so that officials know where the crime watch groups are operating.

Access full text at: http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2005/09/07/crime_watch_efforts_may_be_fine_tuned/

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